

CHINESE PEACE TALKS BEGUN

ALL POWERS JOIN IN URGING AN END TO ANARCHY.

Hins of Interior Action Not by England and Japan Alone—Dr. Wu Dictates Preliminaries at Shanghai—Posters Call for Murder of Manchu Envoy.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—The conference between the representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionary commissioners opened here to-day. Tang Shao Yi and five others named by the Premier, Yuan Shih Kai, met Dr. Wu Ting-fang and five other delegates from the revolutionaries. The principal business of the meeting related to alleged breaches of the armistice which was recently declared.

Dr. Wu complained that the truce had been frequently broken by the Manchus, and he insisted that Tang telegraph the Premier to have this stopped. There was a prolonged discussion of the matter, but in the end Tang gave his consent to do as Dr. Wu demanded. The discussion was conducted in the most friendly tone.

When this point was settled, Dr. Wu refused to go on with the conference till the answer to Yuan Shih Kai had been received. In the meantime Wu wired Li Yuan Hung and other revolutionary leaders to abstain from hostilities.

It is generally considered here that by to-day's action the revolutionaries have won the first round. This seems reasonable in view of the fact that Tang held out for two hours before he would yield to the demands of Wu Ting-fang.

Wu on behalf of his associates presented four proposals which of course were not acted upon. They were for the abolition of the Manchurian dynasty, the establishment of a republican form of government, the pensioning of the imperial family and generous treatment for all Manchus.

The official statement issued later said that the conference agreed to an exchange of credentials. Tang agreed to convey the demands of the revolutionaries to Premier Yuan Shih Kai, in order to stop the fighting in Hu-p'eh, Shen-shi, An-hui, Kiang-shi and Feng-tien.

There will be no further conference until a satisfactory reply has been received. Wu Ting-fang agrees to telegraph Li Yuan Hung and the republican generals of the situation.

Armed police and detectives guard the conference hall and accompany the commissioners in all their goings and comings. Chinese posters have been affixed to the walls about the British settlement urging the assassination of Tang Shao Yi.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Reports which are said to have originated in Japan to the effect that England and Japan are preparing to intervene in China are inaccurate. The fact is that all the great Powers are cooperating in an effort to help China to put an end to the civil war.

The nations have instructed their Ministers here to offer to intervene between the rival parties whenever a suitable opportunity arises. It is expected that the initial step will be taken to-morrow when identical notes will be delivered to the opposing delegations to the conference which is now under way.

These notes will not go further than to express the hope for a speedy settlement of the present trouble, but it is understood that they will convey a hint that the Powers are watching the situation and do not intend to permit chaos to continue indefinitely. This action of the Ministers is entirely friendly and is prompted evidently by the belief of the Ministers that the conference will be fruitless unless outside pressure is brought to bear on the conference.

FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected president of the new republic of China, according to despatches received by the Chinese Free Press from Shanghai.

Representatives of fourteen provisional governments met at Nankin yesterday and took a vote on the matter, with the result that Dr. Sun Yat Sen received seven votes, his nearest opponent being Wong Hing, who received only two votes.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen arrived at Shanghai from Singapore yesterday afternoon. The Chinese newspapers here say that in spite of the conference at Shanghai the preparations of both sides for war are more active than ever. The native press also reiterates the statement that Wu Ting-fang has telegraphed the foreign diplomats urging them to leave Peking and go to Tientsin, leaving the legation guards behind. This, it is said, is done to clear the way for the final drama.

It is reported that Tuan Fang, who was recently appointed Viceroy of Szechuan, has been murdered by his own soldiers at Tse-chow, in the province of Shan-shi. The Viceroy discovered that his men were disloyal and tried in company with his brother to escape. They were intercepted by the soldiers and Tuan Fang tried in vain to obtain mercy. He and his brother were attacked and both chopped to pieces.

ANY LOWELL QUITS THEATRE.

Sister of Harvard's President Drops Boston's Toy Playhouse.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Miss Amy Lowell, sister of President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, has resigned from the executive committee of the new Toy Theatre which is to open in Lime street early in the new year. Differences with others of the management caused her withdrawal.

Miss Lowell has had a conspicuous share in amateur theatricals of the finer sort hereabout, and when she notified her friends and social acquaintances of her withdrawal from the Toy Theatre they were astonished.

A semi-official announcement of Miss Lowell's resignation says: "Naturally various questions arise as to the course that the theatre should pursue and the share that each member of the committee should bear in the work. In these matters the other members of the committee did not always see eye to eye with Miss Lowell nor could they arrive at a decision as to a division of labor over play reading and play producing that was mutually acceptable to all concerned."

The upshot, after much friendly negotiation and efforts at compromise, was Miss Lowell's withdrawal from the management of the theatre. The executive committee now consists of Mrs. Lyman Gray, Joseph Landon Smith, Horace B. Stanton, and W. C. Wilson, the producer. It will proceed with the work of the theatre along the lines originally outlined. It is well under way and the subscription to its performances is now fully assured. Moreover they will still include the representation of Miss Lowell's translation of De Musset's "Caprice."

The Toy Theatre is in a stable which has undergone transformation so that it will contain a small stage and seat 130 people. The people behind the scheme wanted a small playhouse where they could act the plays that suited them before an audience of their own friends.

CUBAN VETERANS STAND PAT.

Commission Plan of President Gomez Not Sweeping Enough for Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Gomez has still further angered the veterans of the war for independence in reference to the employment in the Cuban public service of former adherents to Spanish rule, according to despatches received at the State Department to-day. President Gomez has signed the bill suspending the operation of the civil service law which was amended by the Cuban Congress a few days ago, but in doing so he has issued a series of interpretative rules which provide for a commission to be composed of one Liberal, one Conservative, two veterans and a presiding officer.

This commission is to pass on the qualifications of any officialholder if doubt be expressed as to his right to continue in office, in accordance with the agreement between the Government and the veterans. The rule also provides for the maintenance of the political status quo.

Both veterans and Conservatives have declared that no member of their parties will serve on the commission. The veterans express great dissatisfaction and intimate that they will insist that the Government yield entirely and comply strictly with their demands for the universal employment of their members in the Government service.

"ONE MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Express Messenger Who Means to Have It Leaves With \$10,000.

ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—Leaving word that he intended to have "one merry Christmas" Robin C. Fargason, a Southern Express messenger, has disappeared taking with him a package containing \$10,000 in currency.

Fargason has been missing since Saturday and the express company to-day offered a reward for his capture. All efforts to locate him, however, have been in vain up to this time.

His run is on the Central of Georgia Railroad. He left Macon on Saturday morning with valuable money packages stored in a small safe in the express car. The packages were consigned to the Merchants and Planters Bank at Griffin, Ga.

He failed to deliver the money at Griffin and came on to Atlanta to check in on his run. Leaving the office in this city he said he was going to the railroad Y. M. C. A. where he spends most of his lay over hours. He was to return to Macon on Sunday afternoon, but failed to show up. Fargason appeared at the Y. M. C. A. room and after remaining a while left with the remark that he was going to have "one merry Christmas."

Last night the Atlanta office was notified the money packages never had been delivered and an investigation was begun. It was found the safe had been drilled and blown. Fargason has been married one year.

SLIDES 250 FEET DOWN ROPE.

Worker Then Stops Car Tangled in Line and Saves Men on Pulley.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—Five structural ironworkers, ascending to the twentieth floor of the new First National Bank Building at Fifth avenue and Wood street, narrowly escaped death about 8 o'clock this morning when a passing street car became entangled in the guy rope of a huge pulley block on which they were riding up to begin their day's work.

The car went on across Fifth avenue, before one of the men, taking a desperate chance, slid down the guy rope, 250 feet to the ground and stopped the car by jerking the bell rope, the conductor failing to see the trouble.

Crowds of people going to work saw the accident and stood horrified. One of the big beams, which had just been hoisted into place, was caught by the steel pulley rope as the car pulled it out of its proper course, and its insecure fastenings gave way. It toppled over, narrowly missing falling into Wood street.

TO HANDLE NICARAGUA CASH.

Col. Ham and Capt. Wilson Take Over the Customs Under Loan Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Col. Ham, accompanied by Capt. Wilson, has taken up his duties in charge of the customs administration of Nicaragua under the provisions of the loan agreement recently negotiated by that country with New York bankers.

BRAZIL WARNS OFF BENEDICT

KEEP YOUR WIRELESS OUT OF OUR ETHER, IT TELLS HIM.

So He's Going to Sea to See About It. Flying the Flag of All Nations and Backed by the Best Wishes of the Department of State—He Sails To-day.

The steam yacht Alvina with Commodore E. C. Benedict and his guests on board will start at noon to-day from the foot of East Twenty-fourth street on a long cruise to South America and Europe and perhaps around the world. Commodore Benedict has chartered her to visit Brazil and explore the River Amazon again and incidentally to pay some attention to his interests in that country. It will be his fourth trip up the Amazon.

Several years ago Commodore Benedict realized how rich that section of Brazil is and determined if possible to open up the country to trade and commerce. The first thing he undertook was to install a wireless and telephone system along the Amazon and connect it with towns in the States of Para and Amazonas.

In those days it was often months before news from the outside world reached inland towns, and these towns had little intercourse with each other. Commodore Benedict obtained concessions from the States of Para and Amazonas and then experimented with several different systems of wireless, all of which were good but none of which was suited to the atmospheric conditions near the equator.

Finally the Telefunken system proved a success. It cost much money to build stations and employ operators and when the system was opened to the public the Governors and Mayors congratulated each other and Commodore Benedict on its success. Last April the authorities at Rio issued a license to the American Amazon Wireless and Telephone Company to operate, but at the end of August the company was notified by the Brazilian Government that it must shut up shop and discontinue its operations on the ground that the Government at some future time might want to operate a wireless system of its own.

Commodore Benedict said last night that this was one of the things he intended to look into while in Brazil. "Finally after spending lots of money we found a system that worked well," he said, "but it had hardly been opened to the public when the authorities at Rio who had previously issued a license to operate told us to quit. There is a hitch somewhere and I am going to try to find it. I have had several interviews with Secretary of State Knox and was in Washington only last Friday. I have been assured that this Government will protect the rights of its citizens and something may already have been done by the Washington authorities in this matter."

"That country up the Amazon River is wonderful. It is rich in rubber, cocoa and other commodities and the installing of this wireless system was a beginning in opening it up for trade. It abounds in rich solitudes and has been very little explored. There are no roads. The trails from one town to another are little more than cow paths and the people are in dense ignorance of the doings in the world outside their own. The wireless outfit we have installed extends 50 miles up the Amazon, and the Alvina will go up that river perhaps further than the Virginia went on my last trip."

"How long do you expect to be gone, Commodore?"

"That is hard to say. You see I am flying the flag of all nations and it is hard to say where that will carry me. What? You don't know that flag? Why the petticoat—I am taking my daughter, Mrs. Clifford B. Harmon, and two friends, and they may send me around the world before I see New York again. On board will be Mrs. Harmon, Miss Mary Finley, daughter of Major Finley, who is in the Philippines; Miss Mary Bird of Westbury, L. I.; a maid; L. L. Benedict, a forty-four cousin of mine, Colgate Hoyt, F. S. Hastings, who is a real Commodore and not an ex-royal, like me, A. J. Hutter of Para, Edward Beers, secretary of the Wireless company, and Dr. Harrison B. Arnold (rather bad taste isn't it?) Benedict Arnold I suppose. Commodore Hastings will be the navigator and attend to the stars at night and regulate the sun by day. The Alvina will touch at St. Thomas, Barbados and Para and then travel up the Amazon. After that she will go to Buenos Ayres, and there we will leave her for a time and make a trip across the Andes to Valparaiso. Then we will go to Rio de Janeiro. After that the yacht may go to Madeira and Sicily and other places."

The Alvina is a steel vessel 214 feet over all and 177 feet on the water line. Her beam is 26 feet 10 inches and she has twin screws, which are driven by two sets of triple expansion engines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The State Department has instructed its representatives at the American Embassy in Brazil to take up with the Brazilian Government the question of Commodore E. C. Benedict's wireless telegraph concessions in the Amazon Valley. Commodore Benedict appealed to Secretary Knox last week asking the State Department to use its good offices. The Secretary consented to lend what aid he could.

POSSUMS CALL TO TAFT.

"Aching to Be Bagged," Says Invitation Which President Declines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—J. H. Zemby of Winston-Salem, N. C., has invited President Taft to go possum hunting with him in North Carolina. In a letter to the President received at the White House to-day Mr. Zemby urges the President "to get away from the turmoil of the capital and civilization and get back to pure nature."

Mr. Zemby says that Forsyth county, N. C., is the best hunting ground for possum in the country, and if the President will come he promises him the time of his life.

"The possums are ripe and aching to be bagged," Mr. Zemby's letter concluded. In spite of the urgent invitation Mr. Taft had to decline.

AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Gift of Selected Wines, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$2.50, \$1.00, .50, .25, .10, .05, .02, .01.

H. T. DREW & SONS CO., 139 Fulton St., N. Y.

"FUDGE!" SAID THE PRINCE.

Baroda's Heir scoffs the Idea That His Dad Offended King George.

Bombay, Dec. 18.—"Fudge!" said Prince Jaikant, or the "Young Gike," as he is known at Baroda, where he is a student, when he was informed to-day of the reported insult to King George by his father, the Gaekwar of Baroda, at the durbar.

"That's the first I've heard of it," he said to a reporter. "Sure my father appeared at the durbar in a dress suit, if that is what is meant by casual dress. How did they expect him to dress. That's the way he was dressed at King Edward's coronation. Nothing was said or thought of it. My father doesn't dress up in any 'sumptuous splendor.' He doesn't believe in it. Why should he? He has long ago discarded the ancient customs."

The Gike seemed very much annoyed that there should be any discussion about it. "Is your father hostile to the English?" he was asked.

"Of course not. Doesn't he play bridge with the English officers? And doesn't he invite them out to dinner?"

JENNINGS BABY CRIES "EYEAH."

Wife of Detroit Manager Takes His Place in Hospital, Then Stork Arrives.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—The eagerness shown by Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Baseball Club, to get out of the State Hospital here, even though not fully recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident three weeks ago, was explained to-day when small imitation sounds of "Eeyah! Eeyah! Eeyah!" broke from the room Jennings had occupied up to Sunday.

There was something about the room in the hospital that Mrs. Jennings, the ball player's wife, liked, though it didn't please her to see her husband a patient there. So when it was announced last week that Hughie would be able to leave by Sunday Mrs. Jennings promptly engaged the same room and entered to-night at 9 o'clock.

Santa Claus in the disguise of the stork soon after paid her a visit and left a daughter.

"That's all the Christmas presents I want," said Hughie at his home when apprised of the event. "I'm alive and well, thank you, and glad to be out of the hospital."

\$4,000 SUIT FOR TAFT BOOST.

Republican National Committee Defendant—Bennett's Authority Denied.

George R. Sheldon, who was treasurer of the Republican national committee in 1908, was a witness before Supreme Court Justice Govegan and a jury yesterday in a suit by the *Journal Daily News* to recover \$4,000 from the committee on the ground that former Congressman W. S. Bennett promised it \$5,000 for boosting Taft in the campaign that year and only \$1,000 was paid.

Mr. Sheldon testified that Mr. Bennett had no authority to make such an arrangement in behalf of the committee, and didn't know he happened to do so. Mr. Sheldon couldn't say where the \$1,000 came from that the newspaper received.

Counsel for the plaintiff asked Mr. Sheldon if the national committee was satisfied with the work of Chairman Hitchcock in 1908, and he said:

"That doesn't matter. The people appeared to approve of the campaign. As a question as to whether the candidate for President or the committee itself selects the national chairman Mr. Sheldon said:

"I have been treasurer of a good many committees and I have observed that it is always the candidate who selects the chairman."

Mr. Bennett was called as witness, but the court ruled out testimony as to the alleged agent for whom he acted in the case. The suit was not finished.

LIGHT ON COST OF FOOD.

Farmers, Breeders and Others Plan Great Agricultural Convention.

ALBANY, Dec. 18.—Plans have been made to-night by representatives of the New York State Agricultural Society, the New York State Breeders Association and ninety-five county and town fair societies for a great agricultural convention in Albany, January 16 to 19.

At that time the regular annual meeting of the different societies will be held and there will be joint sessions of interest to all farmers and to those who buy food as well. The principal topic for consideration at the State Agricultural Society meeting will be prices and cost of food products. Invitations have been extended to the Mayors of Des Moines, Iowa, and Indianapolis, Ind., to describe their efforts to reduce the cost of food products by bringing producers and consumers closer together.

Gov. Dix will deliver an address. There will be speakers also from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Canada and Ohio, and a number of farmers will make statements regarding the cost of producing different kinds of crops.

The special topic of the State Breeders Association will be the importance of live stock in New York State. The county and town fair societies in a joint session with the State Agricultural Society will consider ways in which their exhibits may be made of greater educational value.

FEAR SMALLPOX AT BROWN.

President Faunce Orders All Students Vaccinated—Disease Near at Hand.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—Brown University's 700 students must be vaccinated at once, according to an announcement made by President W. H. P. Faunce at the chapel service to-day, as the result of the spread of smallpox in the Pawtuxet Valley, where there have been several hundred cases, and the still more recent appearance of some cases in this city. One of these cases was found only a few doors from the university.

All students who cannot show evidence of having been vaccinated within two years must comply with the order. A corps of physicians began work this afternoon on the second floor of the Brown Union.

President Faunce said to-night that as a result of his order a rumor had spread that the disease had appeared at the university. He wanted the report denied and said that he considered the action advisable merely as a preventive.

No holiday feast complete without ANGOSTURA BITTERS—aquilae appetizer.—Ad.

RECEIVERS FOR THE WABASH

DELANO, PRYOR AND BIXBY APPOINTED BY U. S. COURT.

Petition Filed by Westinghouse Air Brake Company in St. Louis on a Claim for \$18,000—Committee Meets in New York to Probe Road's Finances.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Judge E. B. Adams of the United States Circuit Court at 6 o'clock this evening appointed F. A. Delano of Chicago, president of the Wabash Railroad; Edward B. Pryor of St. Louis, vice-president of the Wabash, and William K. Bixby, chairman of the board of directors of the American Car and Foundry Company, receivers for the Wabash in answer to a petition filed a few minutes before by the Westinghouse Air Brake Company through Schnurmacher & Rasseier, their attorneys.

The claim in the petition is for \$18,000. Each of the receivers is required to give bonds in the sum of \$300,000 within ten days.

Benjamin Schnurmacher, who filed the petition for the Westinghouse company, refused to give any information whatever regarding the matter and expressed great surprise that anything was known of the proceedings.

William K. Bixby of St. Louis, one of the receivers appointed, did not know of his appointment until informed by a reporter and consequently was not in position to make a statement.

Edward B. Pryor, vice-president of the Wabash and another of the receivers, was in New York, whence he started this evening for St. Louis. He is expected to arrive at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Lawrence Greer, a New York attorney for Pierce & Greer, whose partner is chairman of the board of directors of the Wabash, was in St. Louis to-day and at the hearing of the petition represented clients who are interested in the Wabash Railroad.

Mr. Greer said that a committee composed of Winslow Pierce, chairman; F. A. Delano, president of the Wabash, and Alvin W. French were appointed about a year ago to devise plans to reorganize the road and put it into better financial condition. The receivership petition was approved by the committee in New York to-day and the attorneys in St. Louis were notified by telegraph to file it. The petition was filed in St. Louis because the principal operating offices are located here.

Mr. Greer refused to give his opinion on how the receivership would affect the stock and bondholders of the road and the employees. He said, however, that a great deal of good is expected to result by lifting the burden of financing the railroad from the officials to the receivers.

According to Mr. Greer there are about \$1,800,000 in unpaid vouchers in the offices of the company.

A committee consisting of Robert Goellet, Edwin Hawley, Thomas H. Hubbard, Alvin W. French, Robert Fleming and Winslow S. Pierce met here yesterday to conduct as expeditiously as possible an investigation of the financial condition and requirements of the Wabash road with the object of formulating and carrying out in cooperation with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., such measures as may seem to be best adapted to the situation and to meet the wants and develop the possibilities of the railroad's properties.

This committee requests the owners of the first refunding and extension mortgage bonds of the company to deposit them with the Equitable Trust Company, which has been appointed depository.

Arrangements have been made with bankers to advance to the committee funds necessary to enable it to advance to depositors of bonds the interest maturing on January 1, 1912, in case the same should not be paid by the company.

H. R. Winthrop has been made secretary of the company and two law firms, Murray, Prentice & Howland and Pierce & Greer, have been made counsel.

SHED TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

Salvation Army Salvage Yields What She Greatly Needed.

A small woman walked into the Salvation Army Industrial Home at 254 Erie street, Jersey City, yesterday and asked Major Wallace W. Winchell, the superintendent, to give her \$4 for some clothing, saying she needed the money to help pay her fare back to Chicago, where she hoped to spend Christmas with her children. Major Winchell noticed that she was suffering pain and said:

"Madam, I see that you are wearing an artificial eye and it seems to be bothering you."

"Sir!" exclaimed the woman.

"I wear one myself," continued the Major as he dexterously removed his glass eye and held it in his hand, "and I know exactly how to sympathize with you."

The woman's indignation vanished and she took from his pocket a dark brown glass eye, one-third of which was missing. "I dropped it and it broke," she explained, "and the sharp edge constantly irritates the socket until sometimes I can hardly stand the pain."

"Why, you poor soul!" said the Major, "but you surely have suffered. If you don't mind I think we can fit you out with another one. Excuse me a minute."

The Salvation Army man went to a box containing an assortment of things picked up by his salvage men on their trips around town and returned with a glass eye. It was a left one, the same as the woman's, and the color matched her good eye.

"Try it," said the Major, and the woman obeyed. The eye fitted perfectly and its new owner wept tears of joy.

"I never thought I would be able to get another one," she said.

Major Winchell refused last night to make known the name of the woman.

"It wouldn't be fair for me to tell," he added, "but I do want to say that it seems almost an act of Providence that we were able to help a person who needed help so much."

It was learned that Major Winchell and acquaintances of the woman raised enough money to enable her to go to Chicago. She came East to attend her mother's funeral and got out of money.

TAFT'S TACT LAUDED.

"Novor Vremya" Scolds Savagely but Thinks He Has Ended the Danger.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The *Novor Vremya* says this morning editorially that President Taft has tactfully chosen the best way to end what it terms the "scandalous Jewish agitation" which was dangerous both to the United States and Russia. It adds: "At the same time the incident testifies that the Jewish bankers have become the real lords of the United States."

STUFF LITTLE DOG SPOT.

Proposition That Drescher of Brooklyn Will Lay Before the Aldermen.

Alderman Drescher of Brooklyn will present at to-day's meeting of the board a resolution calling for an appropriation of enough money to stuff "Little Dog Spot" at the expense of the city and to have his carcass exhibited in a glass case in some part of the City Hall. The resolution is not likely to pass.

Jimmie, the dog in question, obtained a reputation, not due to him, because of a chance sentence in a letter written by the Mayor. He was kept so much in the background when Mr. Gaynor was entering or leaving the City Hall that he never had so much as a chance to wag his tail at the Mayor, let alone warming himself at the Mayor's wood fire and following Mr. Gaynor home over the bridge, as some of the obituary notices of him did wilfully say.

AERIAL BABY BORN.

Count de Lesseps and Former Miss Grace Mackenzie Parents.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Dec. 18.—The wife of Count Jacques de Lesseps has given birth to a daughter.

The Countess before her marriage was Miss Grace Mackenzie, daughter of a wealthy Canadian railway builder.

PRESENTS FROM AMERICA.

Post Office Money Orders a Little Less in Amount Than Last Year.

The amount of money certified for payment abroad on post office money orders in the first half of December was \$6,745,744.15, according to figures given out yesterday by Postmaster Morgan. The number of money orders was 448,890. The amount represented by money orders so certified for the same period of 1910 was \$7,025,548.11, and the number of orders was 437,389.

The outgoing steamers for the first half of December of this year carried 350,381 registered articles and 52,793 in the parcels post.

281,898 NEW CANADIANS.

United States Lost 101,692 of Them in the Last Eight Months.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Immigrants to the number of 281,898 arrived in Canada during the first eight months of the current fiscal year.

Of this number 180,206 arrived at ocean ports and 101,692 from the United States.

LLOYD GEORGE AVENGED.

Boy Suffragist Who Blackened His Eye Sent to Hard Labor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the Bow street police court to-day the eighteen-year-old clerk, McElbourne, who on Saturday struck Lloyd George in the face with a brass bound box containing suffragist pamphlets, disclaimed all malice. He said that the missile was intended to smash a window to call attention to the exclusion of women from the meeting at Horticultural Hall.

McElbourne was sentenced to serve two months at hard labor.

HITS CHRISTMAS TREE TRUST.